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power-off or other  
operating mode change enforcement**

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**Detail Description Paragraph - DETX (38):**

**[0053] Thus, the present invention provides an improved method, apparatus, and computer instructions for controlling operating modes of devices in venues that require devices to have selected operating modes. The present invention provides this advantage by using a change the operating mode of device in the venue. The operating mode may be stored and restored by the mechanism of the present invention. Also, the device may be allowed to change to another operating mode while in the venue. In this manner, selected devices, such as cellular phones, PDAs, and laptop computers may be turned off in an aircraft with a device such as a PDA being turned on after the aircraft has taken off**

**while the cellular phone remains in an off operating  
mode till the aircraft  
reaches a gate.**



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poration**(21) Appl. No.: **09/981,896**(57) **ABSTRACT**

A method, apparatus, and computer implemented instructions for enforcing power-off or operating mode change in personal electronic devices. The present invention causes a personal electronic device to change to a required operating mode as indicated by a broadcasted signal in a venue that restricts access of personal electronic devices. Additionally, the personal electronic device can reset to a previous operating mode, i.e., the operating mode prior the enforced change upon receipt of an appropriate broadcast signal.

